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SUBJ: FIRE AT PAVILION 4 OF POLYMERY 74 EXHIBITION SITE

REF: MOSCOW 13141

1. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT POLYMERY EXHIBIT
WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 3 AS SCHEDULED DESPITE FIRE. MEETING
TOMORROW (8/30) WITH SOVIET EXHIBIT OFFICIALS AND PAVILION
DIRECTORS SHOULD PROVIDE OFFICIAL DECISION, WHICH WE WILL
IMMEDIATELY RELAY TO ADDRESSEES.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT OUR TELEX AND ALL TELEPHONE
LINES AT EXHIBIT SITE NOT FUNCTIONING. CENTRAL COMMUNICA-
TIONS SYSTEM FOR SOKOLNIKI PARK WAS LOCATED IN PAVILION 4
WHERE FIRE TOOK PLACE. SOVIET FAIR AUTHORITIES ARE
WORKING TO RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS TO NORMAL, BUT WILL BE
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A FEW DAYS BEFORE THESE ARE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY. WE

WILL ADVISE WHEN COMMUNICATIONS RE-ESTABLISHED.

3. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO OBTAIN DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON ANY INJURIES RESULTING FROM FIRE. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED RUMORS NOW CIRCULATING ABOUT INJURIES, BUT NONE RPT NONE CONCERNS EITHER U.S. CITIZENS OF PERSONNEL WORKING AT U.S. EXHIBITS. SOVIET OFFICIALS REMAIN UNWILLING TO OFFICIALLY CONFIRM NO INJURIES.

4. REFTTEL INCORRECT RE MONSANTO EXHIBIT LOCATION. MONSANTO WAS NOT RPT NOT IN PAVILION 4 BUT RATHER IN PAVILION 19 AND WAS THEREFORE NOT DAMAGED.
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